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1. In May 1954, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221) in Neustrelitz was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 25 and 28 May, the windows of the quarters were lighted after dusk. Twelve T-34/85 tanks were standing in a shed in the northern section of the installation and three tanks, [redacted] were parked in a garage. On 31 May, 12 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and 12 six-wheel armored personnel carriers left the north gate toward the training ground. Close-order drill, instruction, and maintenance work on tanks was seen at the installation. On 14 May, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were parked at the former Steinwalde Farm on the garrison training ground. 25X1

2. Between 24 April and 28 May, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221) in Neustrelitz was still occupied to capacity. Between 29 May and 5 June, however, the occupation decreased considerably. Only 25 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted in the evening. Six T-34/85 tanks and 2 JS tanks were seen at the installation. Between 27 April and 6 May, tank training was daily observed at the drill ground north of the kaserne. The wooded area northeast of Neustrelitz was blocked off from Gransin for several days. The AAA emplacement of 6 x 37-mm AA guns 300 meters west of the kaserne was vacant on and after 21 May. Intensive construction work has been observed at the drill ground northwest of the installation since 23 May. Trucks [redacted] daily carried timber to the kaserne. [redacted] 25X1
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3. Prior to 14 May, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) in Neustrelitz was occupied to capacity by a mortar unit of about 300 soldiers. 25X1

4. Between 24 April and 28 May, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) in Neustrelitz was occupied about 50 percent by a mortar unit of about 350 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. A group of 50 to 60 soldiers carrying tools daily marched to the training ground on Segelflugplatz where practicing with mortars was observed on several days. On 26 May, the 9 x 120-mm mortars parked at the shed on the training ground were no longer seen. 25X1

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Between 24 and 27 May, trucks

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towing 120-mm mortars and occupied by about 100 soldiers drove early to the Jagdhaus training ground. The Segelflugplatz training ground had apparently been vacated by the mortar unit which, beginning in late May, held field exercises at the Jagdhaus training ground previously used by the artillery unit from the Gerhard Hauptmann Strasse restricted area. Between 29 May and 5 June, the Kaserne was only lightly occupied, and about 20 percent of the windows of the quarters were lit after dark.

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5. Between 24 April and 6 May, elements of the 122-mm howitzer unit at the Gerhard Hauptmann Strasse restricted area were apparently absent and probably returned during the night of 7 May. Between 3 and 31 May, the complete artillery unit numbering about 350 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets was in the restricted area. Practicing with 57-mm and 85-mm AT guns, and 122-mm field howitzers was observed on several days. About 200 soldiers with small arms repeatedly marched to the Jagdhaus training ground where intensive construction work was underway. Troops from other installations also participated in the construction work.

At 1300 on 1 June, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 8 trucks, and about 150 soldiers from the restricted area were entrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station. At 0600 on 5 June, the unit returned to Neustrelitz.

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6. Between 25 April and 26 May, the Schlossgarten (2227) restricted area in Neustrelitz was still occupied by about 300 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Practicing with 2 x 37-mm AA guns was observed. On 8 May, an M-13 rocket launcher was parked at the installation.

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Between 29 May and 5 June, the installation was only lightly occupied. No training activity and no weapons were observed.

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7. In May, the Glanbecker See restricted area (2226) in Neustrelitz was still occupied by a headquarters. A rather large number of officers was observed.

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8. Prior to 14 May, Camp Demjuech, located about 1 kilometer east of Strelitz on the road to Fuerstensee, was occupied by about 500 soldiers of a tank unit which allegedly was equipped with a large number of motorcycles. Ten motorcycles were seen there.

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9. Up to mid-May, the former Sportlager (2231) allegedly housed an engineer unit and a large depot of explosives.

10. Prior to 22 May, the Panzer Kaserne (2181) in Neubrandenburg was occupied to capacity. All windows of the quarters were lighted after dusk. Increased driving practice has been observed there since mid-May and driver school trucks have been seen. Soldiers with red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets have been seen repeatedly in town.

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11. Between 11 May and 18 June, the Panzer Kaserne (2181) at Neubrandenburg was occupied to capacity by a tank unit and an engineer unit. On 11 May, 10 trucks with contours and 2 trucks with soldiers entered the installation.

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New lean-to roofs were constructed by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia in the southwestern section of the installation. On 7 June, 6 tanks and 3 x 37-mm AA guns were seen under the lean-to roofs. The radar observed in the yard in early May was no longer seen on 17 May. Intensive driving practice with trucks started on 17 May.

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On 29 May, trucks [redacted] with planks and beams and a motorboat drove to the training area on Lake Tollense.

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12. Between 6 and 10 June, the Panzer Kaserne (2181) in Neubrandenburg was occupied by about 900 soldiers; 50 percent wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and 50 percent wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer and motor transport insignia. Daily training at platoon level of about 150 soldiers was observed at the drill ground of the kaserne. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 7 June, SU-100 [redacted] entered the installation. Bridge construction from prepared positions at the mouth of the Oberbach inlet into Lake Tollense by about 130 soldiers was almost daily seen. Equipment observed included 6 pontoons, 5 or 6 trucks, and amphibious truck [redacted]

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13. Between 28 April and 9 June, the kaserne on Lake Castaven (2091) in Fuerstenberg was occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. All windows of the quarters were lit in the evening. Up to 200 soldiers were repeatedly engaged in close-order drill and practiced with small arms on the drill ground south of the kaserne. Ten two-story wooden buildings and a three-story brick building for officers were completed in the area of the barracks installation. Piles of construction material indicated that additional wooden buildings were to be built. [redacted]

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14. On 28 April, JS-3 tank [redacted] came from the training area in the woods of Menz, Alt-Globsow and Neu-Globsow and drove toward Fuerstenberg. On 5 and 7 May, infantry firing was heard from the area which had allegedly been vacated by troops. On 14 May, all troops had departed from the wooded area, bivouac places were cleaned and in good order, and road restrictions were lifted.

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15. On 13 and 29 May, and 9 June, the kaserne on Lake Castaven (2091) in Fuerstenberg was occupied. Most windows of the quarters were lit in the evening, and considerable noise was heard from the installation. About 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drilled in the training area near the road to Neu-Thymen. On 29 May, truck [redacted] entered the kaserne. On 1 June, truck [redacted] and four armored personnel carriers passed through Lychen toward Rutenberg.

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16. On 26 May, the kaserne on Lake Castaven (2091) in Fuerstenberg was occupied. Three companies totaling about 400 soldiers did close-order drill at the installation. A truck and an M-3 armored scout car with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the kaserne toward Lychen. 3

1. [redacted] Comment. The observations indicate no change in the distribution of components of the 9th Gds Tk Div in Neustrelitz compared with April 1954. In late May and early June 1954, artillery units of the division were at Jueterbog for firing practices. [redacted] the units left for Jueterbog on three troop trains on 1 June and returned on 4 June 1954. [redacted] The present information indicates that elements of the 495th (?) Arty Regt (US), the 234th Mort Regt, the 121st (?) AAA Regt, the 126th Gds RL Bn, and additional artillery units from the Neue Infanterie Kaserne participated in the above firing practices. Tank units from the Neue Infanterie Kaserne were possibly also absent and engaged in field exercises near Neustrelitz. The intensive construction work on various training grounds of the units indicates an enlargement of these installations, probably to

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improve summer training facilities of the division which has no permanent summer camp. The information on Camp Demjuech indicates that, contrary to previous assumptions, the 74th Gds Mtrcl Bn was stationed at the camp and not at the Neue Infanterie Kaserne. In May 1953, the battalion had been last confirmed at the Kaserne. The 90th Gds Engr Bn is confirmed at the former Sportlager until mid-May 1954.

2. Comment. The 88th Engr Regt (?) and the unidentified Gds heavy tank SP regiment of the 9th Gds Tk Div are confirmed at Neubrandenburg until 28 June 1954. The number of troops at the Panzer Kaserne mentioned in paragraph 12 appears too small. The radar mentioned in paragraph 11 was of the Dumbo type. 25X1
3. Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Kaserne on Lake Castavez in Fuerstenberg by the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tk Div. Field exercises by components of the division and/or the 12th Gds Tk Div have been observed since early April 1954. The exercises probably included the bulk of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and /or the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tk Div from Drogen. 25X1

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